

Reigate College Values - Rights, Respect and Responsibility

Reigate believes every member of the College community should follow the principles of Rights, Respect and Responsibilities as set down in the [Reigate College Students' Code of Conduct](#).

The Reigate College Rights, Respect and Responsibilities principles encompass British Values which are of paramount importance to our College. We see British Values as underpinning what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain

In 2014, the Department for Education published guidance on promoting British Values in schools to ensure young people leave school and college prepared for life in modern Britain and these values were first set out in the 'Prevent' strategy in 2011.

As well as actively promoting these values to our students, we are also embedding them into student work across all curriculum areas.

The definition of British Values is as follows:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

To promote and uphold these British Values we aim to:

- Help students to become valuable and rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background.
- Promote the basic British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different beliefs and faiths.
- Ensure young people understand the importance of respect and leave Reigate College fully prepared for life in modern Britain.
- Celebrate difference and promote diversity.
- Encourage an understanding of the difficulties other cultures face when such values are not respected.

Strategies to Promote British Values:

- Embed diverse materials about democracy and how the law works into different College curriculum areas.
- Ensure that all our students have a voice which is listened to and valued.
- Demonstrate how democracy works through promoting the Student Union and encouraging students to feedback to us through student surveys and the Student Union Representatives
- Use opportunities such as general elections, debates and Student Union elections to promote British Values and help students to argue and defend different points of view.
- Develop and encourage extra-curricular activities amongst students which promote fundamental British Values such as volunteering, debating, peer mentoring, working with local and national charities to raise awareness, holding fundraising events and taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme to name but a few.
- Actively consult with our Student Union Representatives to gather student views and feedback on key College policies that affect the student body and have student representative on the Board of Governors.

- Encourage student participation in supporting both the College community and the wider community with events such as the Volunteers Fair, Activities Fair, Community Days and Equality and Diversity Day.
- Embed the fundamental principles of Rights, Respect and Responsibilities within tutorials to allow students to gain an understanding of how British Values have evolved.
- Encourage students to become responsible learners and to actively participate in their own learning and development.